

number being obtained by subtracting one from the predetermined number, and the one second reel strip determined by the lottery device. And the game controller selects one of the strip combinations and executes the bonus game to variably display and stop both the first reel strips and the one second reel strip included in the one strip combination on the display device. Therefore, since there will exist many combinations of the first reel strips and the second reel strip, both reel strips being variably displayed and stopped on the display device while the bonus game is executed. Accordingly, the bonus game characteristic in the video slot game can be variegated.

[0023] The above and further objects and novel features of the invention will more fully appear from the following detailed description when the same is read in connection with the accompanying drawings. It is to be expressly understood, however, that the drawings are for purpose of illustration only and not intended as a definition of the limits of the invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0024] The accompanying drawings, which are incorporated in and constitute a part of this specification illustrate embodiments of the invention and, together with the description, serve to explain the objects, advantages and principles of the invention.

[0025] In the drawings,

[0026] FIG. 1 is an explanatory view showing combinations of hypothetical reels used in both the base game and the bonus game,

[0027] FIG. 2 is a perspective view of a slot machine,

[0028] FIG. 3 is a front view of a control panel,

[0029] FIG. 4 is a block diagram of a control system in the slot machine,

[0030] FIG. 5 is a block diagram schematically showing a liquid crystal drive circuit for a lower liquid crystal display,

[0031] FIG. 6 is an explanatory view schematically showing symbol rows each of which is variably displayed on a variable display portion in a base game,

[0032] FIG. 7 is an explanatory view showing one of symbols which constructs a part of the symbol row,

[0033] FIG. 8 is an explanatory view showing winning combinations and payouts corresponding thereto,

[0034] FIG. 9 is an explanatory view showing a lottery table for the symbols which are stopped and displayed,

[0035] FIG. 10 is an explanatory view showing stop areas of five variable display portions,

[0036] FIG. 11 is an explanatory view showing the first pay line,

[0037] FIG. 12 is an explanatory view showing the second pay line,

[0038] FIG. 13 is an explanatory view showing the third pay line,

[0039] FIG. 14 is an explanatory view showing the fourth pay line,

[0040] FIG. 15 is an explanatory view showing the fifth pay line,

[0041] FIG. 16 is an explanatory view showing the sixth pay line,

[0042] FIG. 17 is an explanatory view showing the seventh pay line,

[0043] FIG. 18 is an explanatory view showing the eighth pay line,

[0044] FIG. 19 is an explanatory view showing the ninth pay line,

[0045] FIG. 20 is an explanatory view showing the tenth pay line,

[0046] FIG. 21 is an explanatory view showing the eleventh pay line,

[0047] FIG. 22 is an explanatory view showing the twelfth pay line,

[0048] FIG. 23 is an explanatory view showing the thirteenth pay line,

[0049] FIG. 24 is an explanatory view showing the fourteenth pay line,

[0050] FIG. 25 is an explanatory view showing the fifteenth pay line,

[0051] FIG. 26 is an explanatory view showing the sixteenth pay line,

[0052] FIG. 27 is an explanatory view showing the seventeenth pay line,

[0053] FIG. 28 is an explanatory view showing the eighteenth pay line,

[0054] FIG. 29 is an explanatory view showing the nineteenth pay line,

[0055] FIG. 30 is an explanatory view showing the twentieth pay line,

[0056] FIG. 31 is an explanatory view showing the twenty-first pay line,

[0057] FIG. 32 is an explanatory view showing the twenty-second pay line,

[0058] FIG. 33 is an explanatory view showing the twenty-third pay line,

[0059] FIG. 34 is an explanatory view showing the twenty-fourth pay line,

[0060] FIG. 35 is an explanatory view showing the twenty-fifth pay line,

[0061] FIG. 36 is a flowchart of a main process program,

[0062] FIG. 37 is a flowchart of a start acceptance process program,

[0063] FIG. 38 is a flowchart of a lottery process program,

[0064] FIG. 39 is a flowchart of a base game process program,

[0065] FIG. 40 is a flowchart of a bonus game process program,